

VIEW

Francis Marion University

Correcting the mouth to reach the soul

FMU alum repairs oral injuries on medical mission trips

Grateful for a job, a car and running water is how James Mark Lawhon, D.M.D., P.A. said he returns from Honduras each time he visits for medical mission trips.

The oral and maxillofacial surgeon and a team of others visit the country twice a year to repair traumatic defects of the face and jaw, burn scars and perform cancer surgery free to the underprivileged children. Having operated on his Florence patients using the latest technological advances, Lawhon learned to make do with a more primitive assortment of tools and drugs in Honduras.

Even apart from the medical side, he said the work can be difficult. "Visiting third-world countries is quite a challenge," admits Lawhon. "But actually going there for missions is much more than challenging."

He cites customs, religion and socioeconomic and behavioral changes as some of the factors that require high levels of knowledge and sensitivity on the part of specialists visiting foreign countries.

To enter the hospital armed with guards holding machine guns, he had to acquire a special pass. Lawhon learned the guards were there to prevent the theft of babies to be sold on the black market and homeless people from trying to stay in the hospital after receiving treatment. In the 1,800-bed hospital with no air conditioning, are overcrowded hallways and waiting rooms of people who had traveled for hours – either by foot or bus – hoping

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Lawhon stands outside his office.

Alumni Association presents new board members



Bausmith



Denny



Harrell



Kelley



Peterson

The Francis Marion University Alumni Association has named five new members to its Board of Directors.

New members are Shirley Bausmith, Brian Denny, James Harrell, Brian Kelley and Beth Peterson.

Bausmith, of Florence, is currently coordinator of instructional accommodation and M.A.T. learning disabilities programs and coordinator of special studies and special programs at FMU.

Denny is the director of programs for exceptional children for Florence School District One.

Harrell is division vice president and general manager of Sonoco's North American Paper division and has operational responsibility for Sonoco's 16 recycled

paperboard mills in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Kelley is vice president of marketing for Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, where he is responsible for the development and administration of programs and the promotion of the cooperative's public image.

Peterson is a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed Finance Advisors in Sumter and a military police in the S.C. Army National Guard, which led to her serving one tour of duty in Iraq.

Degrees awarded at commencement

Three hundred thirty-eight degrees were awarded during commencement exercises at Francis Marion University, May 3. These included 316 undergraduate degrees and 22 graduate.

The William H. Blackwell Award was presented by William W. Coleman Jr., a member of the FMU Foundation board, to Kimberly Norene Best of Aynor, Ross Sterling Hill and Lindsey Kathryn Springs of Florence and Lindsay Elaine Reilly of Dublin, Ohio. The Blackwell Award, named in memory of the founding chairman of the FMU Foundation, is presented to the undergraduate Francis Marion University student, or students, with the highest grade point average (for all academic work undertaken at FMU) of those graduating during the past academic year. The students compiled perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Coleman also recognized the recipient of the Distinguished Professor Award for the 2007-08 academic year: Professor of Theatre Arts and Speech Alfred Glen Gourley Jr. Gourley has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985.

Honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees were conferred upon Kenneth Maxwell Autrey Jr., FMU professor of English and



Graduates applaud after receiving their diplomas.

FMU faculty chairman, Harriet Hirschfeld Keyserling, who once represented S.C. House District 124, and Kent Michael Williams, who represents S.C. Senate District 30.

Keyserling was also the commencement speaker.

Richard N. Chapman, provost at FMU, presided at the commencement ceremony. Luther F. Carter, president of FMU, gave the official welcome and conferred the degrees.

Pamela A. Rooks, director of the FMU Honors Program and professor of English, presented honor cords.

Melissa Johnson Emery, a member of the FMU Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to graduate students, while James A. Brown Jr., also a member of the FMU Board of Trustees, presented diplomas to undergraduate students.

Correcting *Continued from front.*

they would be chosen for surgery.

Yes. Chosen. There were some surgeries the doctors could not perform on the children.

"I found myself wiping water from my eyes – tears were just leaking down my cheeks," said Lawhon.

The emotion of having to turn the children away knowing they had waited a lifetime for the opportunity seemed more than Lawhon was able to bear.

From cleft lip to palate surgeries, Lawhon said the procedures were not cosmetic as some are in Florence. The surgery for them was a matter of just being able to eat, he said.

Lawhon said he feels privileged to minister to them but admits it is what he gains from his patients in Honduras that feeds his soul.

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Francis Marion University offers equal opportunity in its employment, admissions and educational activities.

"It's a chance to offer people hope, my skill and compassion," said Lawhon. "More than that, mission work makes me realize I don't have any problems – most of us don't."

James Mark Lawhon, D.M.D., P.A. offers a full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery services. Using the latest techniques and state-of-the-art equipment, he provides a pleasant, warm, and caring environment. "We study the latest techniques in oral surgery to provide you with the most advanced surgical care and diagnosis."

The winning team pictured with Pete Peterson second from left: Frank James, Marion Ford, Frank Cobia, and Mark Gaynor (not pictured).

The BB&T Francis Marion University Foundation Chairman's Golf Classic was held on Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Country Club of South Carolina. The tournament was a huge success. Over \$30,000 was raised in net proceeds from the event and will be allocated to the Thomas C. Davidson Scholarship Fund and the LeRoy "Pete" Peterson Scholarship Fund. We would like to thank our sponsors, BB&T, Sodexo, Victor's Bistro, Capstone Development, Carolinas Hospital System, King Cadillac, Crown Beverages, The Yahnis Company and Pepsi.



Mark your calendars for March 13, 2009, for next year's tournament.

Board trustee represents higher education

Release from: The S.C. Commission on Higher Education

Francis Marion University board member Ken Jackson has been appointed by Gov. Mark Sanford to represent the state's four-year institutions as a member of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

"I'm looking forward to it," Jackson said. "I've been on Francis Marion's board for about 10 years, so I feel like I've got a good perspective coming from that background."

"It's kind of an overwhelming effort that CHE (the S.C. Commission on Higher Education) has, but it's something that I think I am ready for," he said. "I think South Carolina needs to really have a much more public discussion on how we can increase the number of college graduates in our state and I'm excited to be a part of that public debate by being on CHE."

Jackson will finish Col. John T. Bowden Jr.'s term, which ends June 30. He will begin his two-year term July 1.

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter said he recommended Jackson for the position at a meeting with other teaching university presidents about a month ago. He said the university presidents were "strongly supportive" of his nomination.

"There's no trustee that I know of that is better qualified to represent the views of the comprehensive teaching universities in this state than Ken Jackson," Carter said. "He will be a marvelous addition to the Commission on Higher Education."

Jackson received a bachelor's degree in business administra-

tion from Francis Marion University in 1984.

A real estate broker with RE/MAX Professionals in Florence, he served as president of the S.C. Association of Realtors in 2003 and is a member of the National Association of Realtors Board of Directors.

Jackson has also served as chairman of the city of Florence Planning Commission and the Florence County-Municipal Planning Commission. He is treasurer of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership and is a member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Co-chairman of Gov. Mark Sanford's Quality of Life Task Force, Jackson was presented with the Order of the Palmetto - South Carolina's highest civilian honor - in 2003 by Gov. Sanford.

The S.C. Commission on Higher Education serves as the state's coordinating board for higher education, according to its web site www.che.sc.gov.



Jackson

Coker-Harrington Scholarship established



Harrington enjoys working with children in the classroom.

Each morning for many years, Richard Harrington, founder, former president and CEO, of S&W Manufacturing of Florence, has answered the call to serve the students of North Vista Elementary School.

During his tenure, he not only established a High Performance Partnership with North Vista, a collaborative relationship where businesses and schools work together to increase student academic achievement, but he also decided he should take a leadership role in forging this relationship through mentoring.

"The partnership strengthened my view that community

support is critical to the success of education improvement," said Harrington. "Through mentoring, students are exposed to career opportunities and goal setting."

Harrington said the Coker-Harrington Student Recruitment Scholarship fund was established for the purpose of providing assistance for the recruitment and retention of out-of-state students with demonstrated academic achievement.

"I am a graduate of Francis Marion, my youngest son is and so is my son whose name the scholarship is partially in honor of, so there's always been a strong family connection," said Harrington. "Dr. Coker was my mentor and advisor while I attended Francis Marion. This scholarship is a way to keep his spirit alive within the university and give more students a chance to study what he loved."

In addition, Harrington said through the scholarship, he sought a way to stimulate economic growth - the retention of high quality business and education graduates.

The recipient of the scholarship must not be a resident of South Carolina who has proven academic performance. Preference will be given to students with a major in business or education.

Harrington is active in various community and education organizations. He earned an associate degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College, a bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) from FMU and a master's in business administration from the University of South Carolina.



Gourley teaches elementary children dance moves.

Theatre professor a herald of distinction throughout community

Gourley named FMU Distinguished Professor

“Together, together, together everyone – together, together, come on let’s have some fun,” are the words to High School Musical’s song, All in this Together, that bellowed throughout the music room at Royall Elementary School as A. Glen Gourley choreographed a dance routine for nearly 50 students.

Recently selected the Francis Marion University J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2007-08 year for his work in and out of the classroom, Gourley has plenty to sing and dance about.

This award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member’s contributions

to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award, named in honor of the former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. It was presented at FMU’s spring commencement and included a cash prize.

As a result of his selection, Gourley will be the Francis Marion University nominee for the Governor’s Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

Gourley is a native of Sweetwater, Tenn. He has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985. He is a professor of theatre arts and speech, and received the Award of Excellence in Service in 2004.

History professor receives Fulbright

Scott Kaufman, associate professor of history, was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture in Ireland.

Founded by Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946, the Fulbright Program serves as an international exchange program for scholars, sending 800 individuals from the United States abroad this year.

Kaufman, a native of Slidell, La., became an assistant professor of history at FMU in 2001 and an associate professor of history in 2005. Prior to that, he taught at the University of Washington, Southwest Missouri State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Ohio University.



Kaufman moderating the 2007 UN Symposium.

Best to lead faculty

D. Keith Best, professor of theatre arts, was recently elected chairman of the general faculty at Francis Marion University. He replaces Professor of English Kenneth M. Autrey, who has served as faculty chair since 2004.

Best received the Shared Governance Award in 2005 for his commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees.

A resident of Florence, Best has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1993. A native of Valdosta, Ga., he earned a bachelor’s degree in fine arts in theatre at Valdosta State University in 1986 and a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Louisville in 1993.



Best

McNulty delivers Moran address

Francis Marion University English Professor Mary H. McNulty (pictured at right) delivered the third annual William C. Moran address at FMU recently.

In 2002, McNulty was named FMU's Distinguished Professor and in the same year was honored with the Teacher Scholar Award by the Georgia/C Carolinas College English Association. From 2000 to 2004, she held the Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank Endowed Chair in English.

A native of Wisconsin, McNulty earned her undergraduate degree from Dominican College, a Master of Arts degree from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. Before coming to FMU in 1979, she taught at Dominican College, the College of Racine and Johnson C. Smith University.

McNulty's address honors William C. Moran, who from 1978 to 1992 was FMU's vice president of academic affairs and for eight years thereafter president of Lander University.



Professors recognized for teaching, research, service

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a recent faculty recognition banquet.

Bill D. Whitmire of Florence was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching; T. Alissa Warters of Florence was presented the Award for Excellence in Service; and Victor Scott Kaufman of Florence received the Award for Excellence in Research. Each award carries a cash prize.

"Bill, Scott and Alissa rank among the very best professors in the state of South Carolina," said Fred Carter, president of FMU. "Their work, in the areas of teaching, research and service, has garnered the respect of colleagues and students alike. I am filled with admiration for their accomplishments and profoundly grateful for their service and friendship."

An associate professor of mathematics, Whitmire has been a member of the FMU



Whitmire



Kaufman



Warters



Flannagan

faculty since 1997. He is also coordinator of secondary education certification for mathematics programs.

Warters, a native of Rock Hill is an assistant professor of political science. She has been a member of the FMU faculty since 2004. Her primary research and teaching interests are the American presidency and public law. She was recently recognized for her role as co-chair of the United Nations Symposium.

Kaufman, a native of Slidell, La., became an assistant professor of history at FMU in 2001 and an associate professor of history in 2005.

Kaufman has published five books since 2000, including "Confronting Commu-

nism: U.S. and British Policies toward China," "The Presidency of James Earl Carter Jr.," "The Pig War: The United States, Britain, and the Balance of Power in the Pacific Northwest, 1846-72," "Francis Marion:

Swamp Fox of the

Carolinas" and a biography of former first lady Rosalynn Carter.

Rebecca H. Flannagan, assistant professor of English, was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. A member of the FMU faculty since 1995, this award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees. At FMU, she is co-director of the Swamp Fox Writing Project, assistant coordinator for freshman English and has served on a number of university committees.

Patriot Power Lunch

(The last Monday of each month, beginning July 2008)

The efforts of Francis Marion University alumni impact businesses, education, and communities in the Pee Dee and beyond. The FMU alumni association is celebrating alumni contributions with the new *Patriot Power Lunch* series. If your organization employs three or more FMU alumni, you could win

our monthly lunch give-away.

Go to www.fmarion.edu/alumni and complete the application telling us why your group deserves to win a **Patriot Power Lunch**. For more information, contact Kim Turbeville at 843-661-1228 or kturbeville@fmarion.edu.



Peachbelt All-Conference award winners.

The 2007-08 school year was a bright one for the Patriot athletic program. Half of the 12 FMU squads advanced to NCAA post-season play, including three that competed in the recent NCAA Division II Spring Sports Championship Festival in Houston, Texas. Of the 10 FMU athletic teams that keep win-loss records (excluding the cross country and track and field squads that compete in multi-team events), seven registered winning records this past year, and five appeared in national poll rankings, including three in the top 10.

BASEBALL

FMU posted a 34-20 record, tied for third during the Peach Belt regular season, advanced to the PBC Tournament title game, and narrowly missed earning a bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament for the second year in a row. The Patriots, who opened the year with a program-best 11-1 start, spent much of the year ranked in the Collegiate Baseball Magazine NCAA Division II Top 30 poll, reaching as high as seventh. Four players earned All-Region honors: senior pitcher Zach Farry (Charlotte, N.C.), senior outfielder Justin Greene (Goose Creek), junior catcher Jared Barkdoll (Greencastle, Pa.), and junior pitcher David Walters (River Hill, Md.). Freshman first baseman Preston Shuey (Charlotte, N.C.) was named the PBC's Freshman of the Year, while senior shortstop Greg Phelps (Glen Burnie, Md.) set a team record with a 34-game hitting streak.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

FMU won four of its last seven contests to finish 12-16. The Patriots posted a three-win improvement over the previous season. Junior forward Sam Smith (Phoenix City, Ala.) was named the team's MVP, while forward Simel Boyd (Ridgeville, S.C.) was selected as the conference's Freshman of the Year. The program reached several milestones during the 2007-08 campaign: capturing its 500th all-time victory and head coach Gary Edwards earning his 400th win.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Patriots, in their first year under head coach Heather Macy, posted a 21-9 record, equaling the largest win-loss record turn-around in Division II women's basketball in 2007-08 and the ninth-best in Division II history. Francis Marion captured a share of the 2008 PBC regular-season crown and earned a bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament, where the program served as host for the South Atlantic Regional. The Patriots finished as the top scoring team (89.3

ppg) in NCAA Division II, while also leading the nation in steals (18.5 spg). Junior point guard Kevina Ransom (Roanoke Rapids, N.C.) led the nation in steals per game with 4.9 per contest, and ranked 16th in assists per game (5.9). Senior guard Brittany Young (Moncks Corner, S.C.) became only the fourth player in FMU history to amass 1,000 career points and 500 career assists, while also earning All-PBC honors. Macy was honored as the Peach Belt's Coach of the Year.

GOLF

Francis Marion finished its first season as a full-fledged Division I member with a 100-66 record. The team finished in the top half of the team standings in eight of 11 events (five Top 5 finishes), highlighted by the team winning its first Division I event: the First Market Bank Intercollegiate hosted by The College of William and Mary. Sophomore Christopher Couch (Summerville, S.C.) was named the team's MVP as he led the squad with a 73.93 stroke average. He tied for first at the William & Mary tournament, but lost in a playoff. The Patriots lose only one senior off this year's squad.

SOFTBALL

The Patriots enjoyed their most successful season since the school moved to NCAA affiliation. Francis Marion posted a 39-16 record (third-highest win total in team history), earned its first-ever bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament, won the South Atlantic Regional, and advanced to the Division II national finals (Elite Eight) in Houston, Texas. The team also played its first-ever televised game on CBS College Sports. Sophomore left-handed pitcher Michaela Wolf (Littleton, Colo.) and senior first baseman Monica Wofford (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) were named All-Americans, becoming the first FMU softball players to earn All-America recognition for their work on the field and in the classroom. The two players also earned NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors in 2007. With a 29-13 record, Wolf became the first Patriot hurler to win 20 games twice in a career, while setting six school pitching records. Wofford established a new Division II career record for being hit-by-pitches at 56. The two, along with junior shortstop Shannan Tyson (Seminole, Fla.) and sophomore outfielder Jessica Birchmeier (Port Richey, Fla.), were also named All-Region and All-PBC.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Patriots compiled a 19-6 record and a Top 20 national ranking. At the conclusion of the PBC Tournament,



FMU was ranked sixth in the region, but rallied to win three straight matches in the Division II tournament and came within one set of advancing to the Final Four. The newly formed doubles team of freshmen Oshada Wijemanne (Colombo, Sri Lanka) and Dilshod Sharifi (Dushanbe, Tajikistan) defeated the first- and fifth-ranked doubles teams during the NCAA tournament. Senior Franklyn Emmanuel (Colombo, Sri Lanka) played No. 1 singles for FMU, and ended his four-year career with a 60-16 singles mark. The Patriots made their 12th national tournament appearance in 14 seasons, but their Elite Eight finish was a program best.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Francis Marion recorded its most successful season ever with a 23-3 mark, a Top 10 national ranking, and an appearance in the Division II Elite Eight in Houston, Texas. The team's three losses were all to the two squads that played in the national title match. Sophomore Tereza Sykorova (Zdiby, Czech Republic) played No. 1 singles for FMU and earned All-Conference honors and a Top 10 national ranking. Seniors Magda Jezovicova (Cesky Tesin, Czech Republic) and Jenny Ludwig (Cologne, Germany) both garnered first-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District recognition. Senior Sarka Vitkova (Humpolec, Czech Republic) was chosen as the Mid-Atlantic Region's recipient of the ITA/Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership & Sportsmanship. FMU made its third straight trip to the Division II tournament, and eighth in the past 14 years, while also serving as a first- and second-round host for the first time in team history.



1972

Vicki Helms Kirby, principal at Pate Gardner Elementary School in Gibson, N.C., was named the Sandhills Regional Principal of the Year.

1977

Debbie Burrows has accepted a position as instructor of art with Williamsburg Technical College. Debbie is also employed by Vital Aging.

1980

Fran M. Gray, MCPF, owner of Roney's Creative Picture Framing in Florence, was re-elected for a second term as president of the Professional Picture Framers Association. She is only the second female president of the PPFA, and the first female president from the United States.

1982

Michael Reed became the owner of WGBS-TV (NBC affiliate) in Meridian, Texas, on Jan. 23, 2008. Prior to assuming ownership, Reed was the vice president and general manager of the CBS affiliate in Austin. Michael began his career in television as an account executive with WPDE-TV in Florence/Myrtle Beach.

1985

James Harrell has been named division vice president and general manager-paper, North America for Sonoco Products Co. He will have operational responsibility for Sonoco's 16 recycled paperboard mills in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Terry Dingle has been appointed as director of internal relations with Florence-Darlington Technical College.

1986

Allen Goff is serving as the Disaster Assistance Director of Global Aid Network (GAIN) in Geneva, Switzerland. He oversees disaster relief and mitigation around the world.

1987

Christy Tuck has joined the staff at Elizabeth Pettigrew Durant Children's Center as a therapist. She is also an adjunct professor at Coker College in Hartsville.

1988

Dawn Smith Johnson has been named executive director of the Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

1989

Dan Matthews, Lugoff-Elgin Middle School Principal, has been selected

as Kershaw County's school district's 07-08 Principal of the Year. Under Matthews' leadership, Lugoff-Elgin Middle was named South Carolina's first "School to Watch" last year.

1990

Kelvin Lynch founded Kelvin Phillip Lynch Company, an exporting business with clients primarily in Europe and Australia. He received his MBA and JD from Golden Gate University.

1991

Shayne Floyd is employed as an Enterprise Sales Representative with Kintera, Inc.

1992

Thomas Queen is working as an investigator with the S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs. In December 2007, he adopted a son from China.

1994

Anna Franks has accepted a position with First Citizens Bank in Lake City as vice president and relationship sales manager.

Keenan Grigg and husband James, welcomed daughter Madeline Keenan on Dec. 9, 2007.

1995

Heather C. Sears has joined DRS Technologies, Inc., Washington office, as the Vice President of Trade Compliance. Heather holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland.

1996

Sonia Marie Campbell earned her MSN and MPH degrees from the University of South Carolina in Dec. 2007.

Brandi Cook, has been named Marion High School teacher of the year. She teaches government, economics, law education, and Vietnam era.

1997

David Erwin and Tammy Estelle Hyatt were married on Apr. 19, 2008. He holds a masters of science in rehabilitation sciences and physical therapy from MUSC, and is owner of Marion Physical Therapy in Marion, S.C.

Shandy Powell Cook and husband, Bryan, welcomed son, William Caldwell Cook on Feb. 25, 2008. The couple also have a daughter, Mary Ellen.

1998

Jeremy Groom and Kim Washburn '07 were married Apr. 12, 2008. The couple resides in Florence.

Ricky Cox has been named vice

president, lending and development for Conway National Bank.

Virginia Cox has accepted a teaching position with Waccamaw Elementary in Conway.

2000

Rachel Annette Turner and John William Gainey married Mar. 1, 2008.

Amanda Jordan-Brainard is serving as Director of Development for The Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. in Wilmington, N.C.

Ryan Cox has accepted a position as Inside Sales Representative with ESAB Welding and Cutting in Florence, S.C.

2001

Laura Marie Howle and David Allen Brown, Jr. married Feb. 14, 2008. The couple resides in Florence.

2002

William A. Boyd has accepted a position with Williamsburg Technical College as instructor of business law.

Felicia Blanding is working as Community Liaison with Select Health of S.C., Inc.

2003

Sheila McCormick has been named teacher of the year for Easterling Primary School in Marion, S.C.

Erin Flury is working as a foster care caseworker with Chester County Children, Youth, and Families in Penn.

Kelly Paige Courtney and Trenton Blair Smith married March 8, 2008. The couple resides in Columbia.

2004

Rachel Elizabeth Brown and **Bryan Edward Holt** married Feb. 5, 2008. The couple resides in Florence.

Michelle Lampkin and her brother Jeffrey were among the 164

contestants who received a golden ticket to Hollywood for the 2008 American Idol competition.

2005

Gracy Lane Altman and William Howard Hamilton married Apr. 5, 2008.

Bryan Ashley Goins and Leslie Nicole Cox married Dec. 15, 2007.

Courtney Gibbs earned a Masters of PA Study from MUSC and is working as a Physician Assistant with Palmetto Primary Care.

2006

William Howard Hamilton and Gracy Lane Altman married Apr. 5, 2008.

Sherrlyn Levorn Graham and Travis Jevuelle McFadden married Feb. 16, 2008.

Candice Maria Gordon and Richard Douglas Sutherland IV married March 29, 2008.

Benjamin A. Ward is working as a financial analyst with Morgan Stanley.

Michael W. Gaines, Jr. is working as a programmer with Francis Marion University.

2007

Kim Washburn and Jeremy Groom '98 married Apr. 12, 2008. The couple resides in Florence.

Jade Allen Hill and Ana Elizabeth Harris married March 8, 2008. The couple resides in Summerville.

Beth Peterson is a financial advisor with Waddell & Reed in Sumter, S.C. and is pursuing her MBA at Walden University. In August 2008, she will be commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the US Army.

Tiffany Lee Noble and Daniel Blair Hendrick married March 1, 2008. The couple lives in Florence.



Matt Terrio '02 is the founder and coach of The King's Academy sporting clays team which competed at the National Sporting Clay event in San Antonio, Texas, in July 2007. The top intermediate team of three shooters was undefeated for the season, winning the S.C. state title and then winning the National Championship in Texas.

NPLI graduates sixth class

Twenty-nine South Carolina residents and one North Carolina resident participated in commencement exercises for the sixth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University, recently.

The institute is a seven-month training program for leaders of non-profits. Topics included leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development, including board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU Non-Profit Leadership Institute.

The class will be conducted again during the 2008-2009 academic year. For



Non-Profit Leadership Institute

more information, contact Julian Young, Non-Profit Leadership Institute liaison at 843-661-1199.

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